Waiting List of Telephone Connections in Assam

1246. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the waiting lists of the applicants of different categories in the various telephone exchanges in Assam as on 30th October, 1999;

(b) whether all the applicants in waiting list will be provided with telephone connections by the end of 2000;

(c) if so, what are the district-wise details is Assam; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) The details of the Waiting lists of the applicants of different categories in the various telephone exchanges in Assam at the end of October, 99 is as per Annexure- *{See* Appendix 188, Annexure No. 33)

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) It is planned to provide 60,000 new telephone connections during the year 1999-2000. Out of which 18092 connections were provided upto 31-10-99. Revenue District-wise plans for providing new telephone connections during the balance period of 1999-2000 are given in the statement. *(See* below)

(d) Not applicable in view of the reply (c) above.

Statement *Revenue District-wise plans for providing new telephone connections*

SI. No.	Revenue District	New Telephone connections planned to be provided
1	2	3
1.	Barpeta	1620
2.	Bongaigaon	1640
3.	Cachar	2880
4.	Darrang	790
5.	Dhemaji	600
6.	Dhubri	1070

1	2	3
7.	Dibrugarh	4480
8.	Goalpara	640
9.	Golagliat	1570
10.	Hallakandi	790
11.	Jorliat	1690
12.	Kamrup	9940
13.	Karbi Anglong	670
14.	Karimganj	2130
15.	Kokrajhar	630
16.	Lakhimpur	940
17.	Morigaon	710
18.	N.C. Hills	470
19.	Nagaon	2660
20.	Nalbari	1370
21.	Sibsagar	1120
22.	Sonitpur	1000
23.	Tinsukia	2500
	TOTAL	41910

Members of Telephone Advisory Committee in Punjab

1247. SHRI SUKHDEV SINGH LIBRA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Telephone Advisory Committees at district level and State-level in Punjab have been constituted during the year 1999 on the recommendations of Punjab MPs.;

(b) if so, whether the recommendations of all the State MPs have been honoured;

(c) if not, the names of the MPs whose recommendations have not been accepted and the rca.sons therefor;

(d) whether some persons have been taken into the TACs without any recommendations; and

(e) if so, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR): (a) to (c) Yes Sir.